

REMARKS

Claim 24 has been cancelled herewith and Claim 32 has been amended to correct informalities. No new matter has been added by virtue of the amendments.

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication of allowance of Claims 20 and 21.

Claim 32 was rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph as indefinite for the recitation "wherein the gene sequence comprises a sequence encoding an amino acid sequence encoding the amino acid sequence of ..." Applicants have amended Claim 32 to delete inadvertent duplication of reference to "sequence encoding an amino acid sequence." It is believed the present amendment renders the rejection moot. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of Claim 32 is thus requested.

Claim 24 was rejected under 35 USC 112, first paragraph as failing to comply with the written description requirement. In an effort to advance prosecution and move the present application toward allowance, Claim 24 has been cancelled herewith. Applicants specifically reserve the right to pursue cancelled subject matter of Claim 24 in later filed applications.

This paper is being filed timely and it is believed no additional fees or extensions of time are required. In the event any additional extensions of time are necessary, the undersigned hereby authorizes the requisite fees to be charged to Deposit Account No. 501668.

Entry of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested. It is believed this application is presently in condition for immediate allowance, which action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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